# Eden Mills wants unpolluted pond

Many of the 80 Eden Mills residents who attended a public meeting Monday to hear details of the proposed water and sewage system in Rockwood and its effect on their village, enthusiastically endorsed the aims of the Rockwood and Area Residents' and Ratepayers' Association.

Although they realized Rockwood ratepayers would have to pay for sewers and water, many of those present agreed with Eden Mills trustee John Turner. who said the sewage plant was "going to affect us more than Rockwood and it could be a long term effect."

There were objections to plans for by-passing the Rockwood Conservation area with the plant and outlet pipe. "If the water is so pure why spend the money to pump it around the conservation area?" asked one resident,

Heir to problems If there are reasons for bypassing the conservation area,

### Comin's and Goin's

Convinced September is th month for cross-Canada travelling, George and Grace Day returned last Sunday after a three week vacation through the western provinces. The 7,500 mile round trip through to Vancouver island and back again was "absolutely fantastic" and the majestic mountains of the Rockies are "marvellous" according to Grace. She is most anxious to repeat the trip sometime again in the future. A short two day stop-off at Jasper Park, a visit to daughter Janet's in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. G. La Fleaur in Kamloops, and then on to Vancouver Island. While taking a short park bench breather in Butchard Gardens in Victoria the Days were delighted to meet up with two other sets of local Rockwoodonlans when Mr. and Mrs. Clare Robinson of R. R. 3. Rockwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Marsden, now of Guelph were also visiting and enjoying the sights.

The two travelling companions of the George Days Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kidd of Atwood, Ontario had friends in Vancouver Island and they too enjoyed their four day visit at the furthest west peak of Canadian soil. The return trip records a visit to the Okanagan Valley with a taste of its fresh muit, Stanley Park, on to Calgary where the badlands of the Red Delta River added its own special fascination with its dinosaur track hiking trails and fossil remains, through Lethbridge and crossing at Sault Ste. Marie over to Michigan; back into Canada again at Sarnia and then home with great exclamations about the vastness of our wonderful country and the tremendous size of our own Ontario province.

St. John's Church will be holding its regular series of euchres again this year in the parish hall every other Wednesday evening and the first one of the season will be held on Wednesday, September 23. beginning at 8 p.m. Prizes and lunch are on the agenda so get in on the fun and make the triweekly event a date on your calendar.

Monday's school bus sported Steven Jones of R.R. 3, Rockwood, and it was great for villagers to know that he is back and fully recuperated after his late Mrs. Russel Peart, formerly bicycle mishap a few weeks ago. of Rockwood. An endowment for Great going Steven!

Parents are requested to remind their children about the combined church Sunday School which will take place at Rock-wood Presbyterian Church hall at

9 a.m., to which all denominational pupils between the ages of pre-schooler years to grade 8 are invited. Remember the date-Saturday, September

Rockwood and Eramosa township is burning with excitement at having a local lad make good in the World Motorcycle competitions in Spain. The Yellowjackets club had a going

then that means Eden Mills will fall heir to problems the conservation area avoided, another resident pointed out.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Vos told the Free Press after the two hour meeting that there were 82 chlidren taking awimming lessons in the mill pond from the village and district this summer. They felt they were just as important as the people who used the conservation park and falled to grasp the reasoning for positioning the outlet pipe from the proposed sewage plant so it would "pollute" the river at Eden

"We use the river and the valley all the time," Mrs. Vos said, "and we are upset by talk that the sewage will not permit ice to form in winter." She said they enjoyed walking on the ice and often walked to Rockwood during the winter.

Eramosa pay?

There were also some questions asked about the thorny question of financing the two projects.

Dave Rowe, a director of the Ratepayers' group, showed the Free Press figures run off on a computer which showed that if the term of 40 years proposed to the Rockwood Anti Pollution

voyage and all sorts of luck on

their venture. Happy riding

Friends of the Ewers family in

Rockwood were saddened to hear

of the death of Mr. Arthur Ewers

Main Street, on Tuesday September 22 and wish to convey

Many villagers were present at last Sunday morning's dedication

service in Rockwood United

Church when Rev. Peter Tucker

dedicated the beautiful stained glass window of "The Good

the installation of the window had

been arranged for by the now deceased Mr. Peart before his

death in 1969. Ladies of the Rock-

wood United Church served a tea

after the service and Mr. Peart's

two daughters Mrs. Muriel Clark

from Grimsby and Mrs. Betty Clark from Essex County were

there and greeted Rockwood

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liquidate the cost of the project were reduced to 30, there would be a saving of \$630,546.

"Would the township have to pay if Rockwood was unable to meet the cost?" asked Lloyd

The police village and the township of Eramosa would have to assume the obligation of financing the projects if Rockwood was unable to meet payments, replied Mr. Turner. He pointed out earlier in the meeting that although some parts of Eden Mills were in Nassagaweya township, for of taxation Nassagaweya collected taxes and

"Whatever happens in Rockwood," he stated, "will have a very definite and emphatic effect

then handed the money to

Points out sims

Ratepayer president Dick Strong of Rockwood said the aims of the association were not obstructive but to make sure that what was done in Rockwood was necessary and should be done right. He reviewed the history of the organization, pointing out it originated from the forming of

Endeavor (RAPE) group, which included several people from Eden Mills and district. have a fair cross-section of the people in the association now," he said, "and the more people we have the more responsible we

He told the meeting they were looking for support and wanted to be a very responsible group concerned about their own en-

We are continually having more pressures on the township. he said, and the only way we can make the public aware of decisions made affecting them was for everyone to become involved.

"We must band together as thinking people to assist our own destiny and that of our children." New members

Many new members signed after Mr. Strong made his ap-

He also reviewed the issues of the alleged "contamination" of Rockwood wells and the information which was issued by the O.W.R.C. representatives. "There was a great deal of scientific information," he said, "but no one knew whether it was 'accurate."

He said the solutions proposed could overcome a problem but create many more. They could ruin a life style, he charged, with demands for subdivisions and

"Is that what you want?" he asked the audience.

Some at the meeting thought the association should take a firmer stand and tell the O.W.R.C. they just didn't want the projects but Mr. Strong said the association was powerless to act until the O.M.B. hearing which was virtually assured by the number of objections - 70 which had been forwarded to the township clerk.

Association brief

He also said the association would have a brief in front of the hearing, with assistance from experts from the University of Guelph and the University of

We may be proved wrong, he be shot.

told the attentive audience but we'll complain until they hear us down at the "great white castle". A former resident of Puslinch at the meeting told people if they didn't support the men and the association they deserved what

It affects everyone here, agreed another. "All of us use the

#### impose control

General incidents of cattle harassment and in some cases chasing and killing by dogs has greatly disturbed Eramosa township officials.

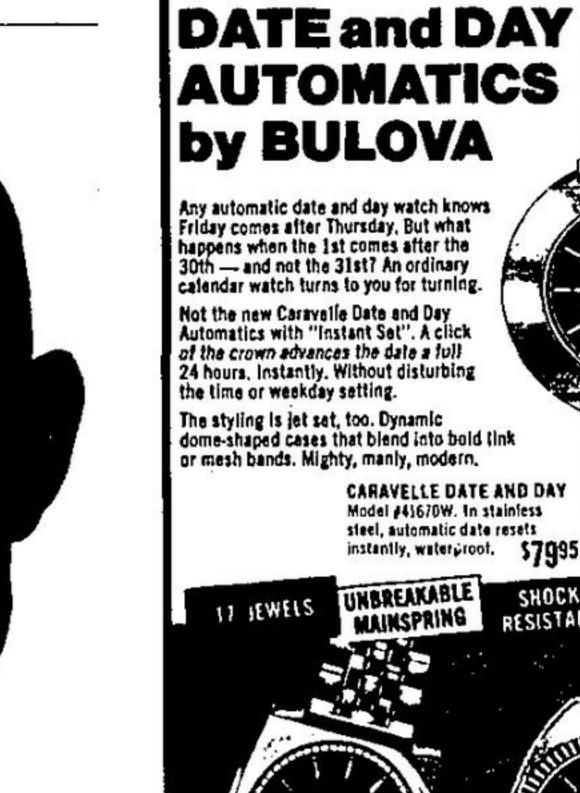
Consequently a by-law enforcing restraint was passed at the last council meeting to the effect that any dogs running free on public highways or on private property and not under control will be caught and impounded to



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